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A. E. KENNEDY, C. B.,

ON ASSUMING THE GOVERNMENT OF

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No. 1,---Legislative Council.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c., &c., &c.:

May it please your Excellency :

We, the Members of the Legislative Council of Vancouver Island in Parliament assembled, desire to congratulate your Excellency upon assuming the Government of this Colony.

We humbly trust that the dignity and the virtues of our Most Gracious Sovereign, as reflected in your person, may strengthen and stimulate feelings of attachment in the people of Vancouver Island so that the demonstration of loyalty upon this, your Excellency's advent, may continue unabated throughout your administration.

And we feel assured that your experience in other portions of her Majesty's dominions will enable you to guide the affairs of this young Colony so as to ensure a rapid advance in material wealth and importance.

(Signed) DAVID CAMERON, C. J.,
President.

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No. 2,---House of Assembly.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief in and over the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same &c. &c. &c.:

We, her Majesty's loyal and faithful subjects, the Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Colony of Vancouver's Island and its Dependencies, beg to offer to your Excellency our respectful congratulations upon the occasion of your assuming the functions of Governor of this Colony.

As it is our duty, so will it be on all occasions our anxious desire to aid you in the administration of the affairs of the Colony and to co-operate in such legislative measures as may be deemed most conducive to the welfare and progress of our young and rising Colony.

In thus tendering you our welcome, we pray that it may please Almighty God to vouchsafe to you health and happiness and that under your fostering influence and guidance the Colony may continue to prosper and flourish.

(Signed) J. S. HELMCKEN,
Speaker.

Legislative Assembly, March 30th, 1864.

No. 3,---Municipal Council of Victoria.

UNTO HIS EXCELLENCY CAPTAIN A. E. KENNEDY, COMPANION OF THE MOST HONORABLE ORDER OF THE BATH, GOVERNOR OF THE COLONY OF VANCOUVER ISLAND AND ITS DEPENDENCIES, VICE ADMIRAL OF THE SAME:

May it please your Excellency:

We, the undersigned, Mayor and Councillors of the City of Victoria, Vancouver Island, beg to approach your Excellency in order to express to you, on your arrival here as Governor of the Colony, our loyal devotion and strong attachment to our beloved Queen Victoria, whose representative in this Colony you are.

We feel we shall at all times find in your Excellency an able advocate and supporter of all measures which may tend to advance the interests of the City of Victoria, and that your Excellency will render us every assistance in the discharge of our official duties towards the public and welfare of the City.

That with the great experience your Excellency brings with you from the sister Colony, we feel confident that you will administer the Government of this Island with honor to yourself and satisfaction to her Majesty's subjects.

That your Excellency may be spared for many years amongst us to enjoy the benefits of this salubrious climate and to witness the rapid

development and progress of this the principal city of her Majesty's possessions in the Pacific is our earnest hope and desire.

Given under our hands and corporate seal of the City of Victoria, Vancouver Island, this nineteenth day of March, Anno Domini 1864.

(Signed)	THOS. HARRIS, Mayor.	
	W. E. STRONACH,	Councillor.
	W. J. McDONALD,	do
	ROBERT WALLACE,	do
	JAMES GRAHAMSLAW,	do
	ROBERT EWING,	do
	CHARLES E. BUNTING,	do

(Signed) ALGERNON AUSTEN, Town Clerk.

No. 4,--The Chamber of Commerce.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, &c., &c.;

The humble Address of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Victoria.

May it please your Excellency :

We, the members of the Chamber of Commerce of the City of Victoria, avail ourselves of the auspicious occasion of your Excellency's safe arrival and of your assuming the reins of Government, to assure you of our devoted attachment and respect to her most gracious Majesty the Queen, and our feeling that in the appointment of a gentleman of your Excellency's tried experience and ability in colonial administration, her Majesty has furnished us with a convincing proof that distant and comparatively unimportant as it is amidst the vast dependencies of the British Empire, even this Colony partakes of her Majesty's fostering care and attention.

Under the enlightened free-trade policy inaugurated by your Excellency's respected predecessor, and which has attracted hither merchants and other immigrants of all nationalities, this city has already attained an importance, which the most sanguine could not have anticipated at the time of its foundation, and it is our unanimous conviction, that by a faithful adherance to that policy alone, can we look forward to its becoming the chief distributing commercial depot of the North Pacific.

The enterprises heretofore contemplated for the development of the material resources of the Colony, such as telegraphic communication

with the Atlantic seaboard, a British mail line to Panama, a graving dock at Esquimalt, a more extensive opening of our coal fields and mines of precious and the baser metals, our agricultural lands, valuable timber forests and inexhaustible fisheries, are retarded by the want of means to put them into successful operation, and we hope that under your Excellency's auspices British and foreign capital may be invited and encouraged hither, and that all projects tending to the benefit of the Colony will receive your Excellency's countenance and protection.

In conclusion, we trust that your Excellency may long enjoy health and happiness, and that under your administration you may have the satisfaction of witnessing the successful progress of British commerce on the Pacific Ocean in connection with the Colony of Vancouver Island.

On behalf of the members,

(Signed) CHAS. W. WALLACE, Jr, President.
JULES DAVID, Vice President.
P. M. BACKUS.
THOS. LETT STAHLSCHMIDT,
LUMLEY FRANKLIN.

(Signed) A. F. MAIN, Secretary.

No. 5,---Inhabitants of Esquimalt.

To His Excellency Captain ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, C. B.:

The humble Address of the Inhabitants of Esquimalt.

May it please your Excellency :

We, the inhabitants of Esquimalt, hail with satisfaction your arrival in this Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, and rejoice that it has pleased Almighty God to conduct you safely to our shores.

In approaching your Excellency with this humble address, we declare our fealty and attachment to the person of our gracious Sovereign who has been pleased to appoint you to govern this distant portion of her dominions, and we congratulate you on this auspicious day with that unity of sentiment which pervades here and animates the loyal hearts of all her Majesty's subjects in this highly favored haven of Esquimalt.

And with sentiments of profound regard and attachment to your person, and the high and distinguished office which you are called upon to fill as her Majesty's representative, we present you with this humble address and greet you with a cordial welcome on this twenty-fifth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

Signed on behalf of the inhabitants of Esquimalt.

(Signed) WILLIAM FISHER,
Chairman.

No. 6.—The Inhabitants of Vancouver Island.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, &c., &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency:

We, her Majesty's most loyal and loving subjects of Vancouver Island, hasten to express to your Excellency, as the representative of our most gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, our unfeigned attachment to her person and Government, and we pray that a beneficient Providence may permit us long to enjoy the benefits of her enlightened and peaceful reign.

Remote as we are from the seat of empire and subject to the disadvantages incident to new countries, we nevertheless beg to assure your Excellency that you may at all times depend upon our cordial support in every measure calculated to foster the principles of devoted loyalty to the Crown and the institutions of the realm and to advance the interests of this our adopted home.

We hail with much satisfaction the manifestation of the royal confidence in your Excellency's tried ability and in favoring us with the advantage of your experience in colonial administration.

We therefore most cordially congratulate your Excellency on your safe arrival among us, and pray that health and happiness may be

vouchsafed to you and that success may ever attend your administration of the affairs of this Colony.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your Excellency's most obedient, humble servants,

Signed on behalf of the Inhabitants.	(Signed)	J. W. POWELL.
		CHARLES STREET.
		W. J. McDONALD.
		W. B. STRONACH.
		JOHN T. PIDWELL.

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No. 7,---Inhabitants of Nanaimo.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Esquire, C. B., Governor of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, &c., &c.:

May it please your Excellency:

We, the inhabitants of Nanaimo, in public meeting assembled. desire to convey to your Excellency our sincere congratulations upon your safe arrival in this young and promising Colony as the representative of our beloved Sovereign Queen Victoria, to whose person and throne we are deeply attached, as also to those institutions of the great Empire of which she is the illustrious head.

We beg to assure your Excellency of our loyalty and earnest desire to aid to the utmost of our ability in the maintenance of order and good government, and in planting and fostering the tried and honored institutions of our loved Britain in this our adopted land.

We trust also to have the pleasure at an early day of offering to your Excellency a personal welcome to our little Town, whose exports are of no little consequence to the welfare and progress of this Island.

Permit us also to add our kindest wishes to Mrs. Kennedy and family, and which we hope your Excellency will convey to them.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's obedient servants,

Signed by order and on behalf of the Meeting. } (Signed) ROBERT DUNSMUIR, Chairman.

(Signed) Alex'r Jarvie, Secretary.

No. 8,---St. Andrew's Society.

To His Excellency Captain ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, C. B., Governor of Vancouver Island, &c., &c.:

Sir :—

The brotherhood of St. Andrew, to which we belong, desire to offer you their congratulations upon your arrival in this Colony, and to express to you, as the representative of their Sovereign, the undying feelings of loyal reverence and deep love for their fatherland which animate every true Scotchman in this remote dependency of Britain.

Our Society was originally formed to aid in keeping alive such wholesome sentiments as well as to minister to the relief of necessitous fellow-countrymen.

It is now in the fifth year of its existence.

Its older members have seen the gradual rise and increase of this City from a very small beginning to a position of importance and prosperity that promises yet greater things.

The energy and perseverance of Scotchmen—we are proud to say of a Scottish ruler—have largely contributed to bring about this result.

It is our confident hope that under your auspices these promises will be amply realized, and that you will find, in the sons of Scotland, men ever ready to aid your endeavors to promote the moral and material well-being of the people committed to your charge.

Accept, Sir, this expression of our respect towards yourself and the high office that has been conferred upon you, as well as of our hearty wishes for the health and happiness of your family in this their new home amongst us.

We have the honor to be, Sir,

Your faithful and obedient servants,

(Signed)

JAS. D. WALKER, President.
JOHN J. COCHRANE, Vice Prest.
JNO. G. McKAY, 1st Vice Prest.
MATT. B. BEGBIE, Hon. Vice Prest.
A. D. MACDONALD, Treasurer.
DAVID D. BLAIR, Secretary.
R. J. DUNDAS, M. A., Chaplain.
JAMES TRIMBLE, M. D.
JAS. S. DRUMMOND, Manager.
J. ROBERTSON STEWART, Manager.
A. F. MAIN, Manager.
JAMES LOWE, Manager.
THOMAS LOWE, Manager.
ROBERT WALLACE, Manager.
WILLIAM DOWNIE.
J. WADDELL.
JAMES M. REID.
DANIEL SCOTT.
CHAS. W. WALLACE, Jr.
D. M. LANG.
JOHN CULLEN COLQUHOUN.
JOHN WRIGHT.
JAMES STROCHAN.
ALEX'R CLINK.
ANDREW ROBERTSON.
JAMES CARSWELL.
JAMES K. SUTER
ALEX. F. ANDERSON.
WILLIAM FRASER TOLMIE.
W. MUIR.
MALCOM MUNRO.
J. A. McCREA.
GEO. CRUICKSHANK.
JOHN WILKIE.
DANIEL LINDSAY.
P. CADELL.

No. 9,---Firemen's Address.

To His Excellency ARTHUR E. KENNEDY, C. B.:

May it please your Excellency:

We, the members of the Fire Department of the City of Victoria, ever animated by a proper sense of respect for, and duty to her most gracious Majesty's representative in this Colony, do most sincerely congratulate your Excellency on your safe arrival amongst us, and pray that your administration may be blessed with such results as will reflect honor on yourself and give satisfaction to all.

May this City long be preserved from that devastating element we have volunteered to watch over and arrest; but though our services have been little required hitherto, we trust that if the day should unfortunately arrive when there would be need of a vigorous display of them, we shall not be found wanting, and that the institution will be deemed by your Excellency not to have been unworthy of the care hitherto bestowed on it, and deserving a continuance of the same.

We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's very obedient servants,

(Signed) J. A. McCREA,
CHAS. W. WALLACE, Jr.
CHAS. GOWEN,
JNO. DICKSON.
E. H. JACKSON,
PHILIP J. HALL.
} Committee in behalf of the Fire Department.

(Signed) John C. Keenan, Chief Engineer.

Victoria, V. I., March 26th, 1864.

No. 10,---Caledonian Benevolent Association.

To His Excellency GOVERNOR KENNEDY, C. B.:

May it please your Excellency:

We, the Chairman, officers and members of the Caledonian Benevolent Association of Victoria, beg to offer you a hearty Scotch welcome to this Island.

We trust you may be long spared, and that an all gracious Providence may lead you to devise such measures as may prove most conducive to the best interests of the Colony at large.

Assuring you, as the representative of our most gracious Sovereign, of our support,

We have the honor to be,
Your Excellency's most obedient and humble servants,

JOHN COPLAND, Chairman.

Victoria, V. I., March, 1864.

No. 11,---Pioneer Rifle Company.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, C. B.:

May it please your Excellency:

We, the members of the Victoria Pioneer Rifle Company, beg leave to express our thankfulness and gratification at the safe arrival of your Excellency and family, and our unaltered devotion to the person and Government of her most gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.

Our only regret is that in the general rejoicing over your Excellency's arrival we were precluded, on account of an anti-English prejudice against our color, of doing ourselves the honor as well as pleasure of taking part in the procession as a military company—a company whose highest aim is to be of service to Her Majesty, and whose greatest privilege is to be her Majesty's most loyal subjects.

To your Excellency's predecessor, Sir James Douglas, is due the organization of this company, which, with all its imperfections, is at least the only representative of the British volunteer element in the Colony.

We hope, under your Excellency's administration no occasion may arise requiring our military services; if, however, the time should come when internal or external dangers should threaten the country, we hope to prove by deeds that the arms we carry are in no unworthy hands, and that the allegiance which we owe to her Majesty we are ready with our lives to pay.

It is to us a source of extreme satisfaction to know that your Excellency's opinions agree with that basis upon which the greatness of the British law is built—the non-recognition of distinction in class, creed, color, or nationality—principles that found in your great

Curran so eloquent an expounder in days gone by, and which have placed Great Britain in the van of liberty, Christianity and civilization.

We have the honor to be, sir,
Your Excellency's most humble and ob't servants,

(Signed on behalf of the company) R. H. JOHNSON,
Captain.

No. 12,---Chinese Compliments translated into English.

V. I. 1864 year, 4th Month, 2d day.

Us Chinesemen Greeting thee Excellency in first degree, ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, thee in first rank country name Vancouver, with hangers to it.

All us here be dwellers at Victoria, this Island and Columbia British much wish to show mind of dutiful loyalty to this Kingdom Mother, Victoria Queen, for much square and equal kingdom rule of us.

Just now most humbly offer much joined mind of compliments to thee Excellency Governor Kennedy on stepping to this land of Vancouver that thee be no longer in danger of typhoon, us much delighted.

Us be here from year 1858, and count over two thousand Chinese.

Chinese countrymen much like that so few of us have been chastised for breaking kingdom rule.

This kingdom rule very different from China. Chinese mind feel much devoted to Victoria Queen for the protection and distributive rule of him Excellency Old Governor Sir James Douglas, so reverse to California ruling when applied to us Chinese countrymen.

Us believing success will come in obeying rulers, not breaking links, holding on to what is right and true.

In trading hope is good and look out large big prospects for time to come.

Us like this, no change place, see it will grow and grow higher to highest, can see a Canton will be in Victoria of this Pacific.

The maratime enterprises will add up wonderfully and come quick. China has silk, tea, rice and sugar, &c.: here is lumber, coal and minerals in return. Here is lumber, coal, minerals and fish an exhaustless supply, which no other land can surpass.

In ending us confide in gracious hope in Thee First Degree and First Rank and First Links and trust our California neighbors may not exercise prejudice to our grief.

Us merchants in Chinese goods in Victoria mark our names in behalf of us and Chinese countrymen. Wishing good luck and prosperity to all ranks, and will continue to be faithful and true.

Us Chinesemen much please Excellency continue to give favor always.

Us remember to Thee.

(Signed) KWONG LEE & CO,
By LEE CHANG.
YAN WO.
SANG & CO.,
By CANGTSOU.
TAI SOONG & CO.,
By TONG KEE.
TONG FAT.

No. 13,--Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies :

May it please your Excellency :

We, the undersigned, Clergy of the United Church of England and Ireland in Vancouver Island, beg to express our heartfelt congratulations on the safe arrival of yourself and family in this Colony, and take the earliest opportunity of expressing to you, as her Majesty's representative, our profound respect.

As members of that church of which, through the providence of God, her most gracious Majesty is the temporal head, we desire to convey to your Excellency the assurance of our entire loyalty and attachment to her Majesty's person and Government, as well as of duty to your Excellency, as her tried and honored servant.

We trust and believe that your Excellency will ever find in the clergy and members of the Church of England in this Colony, as a body, the order and loyalty which good government ever tends to inspire, and which the principles of our church so especially inculcate. As citizens, we feel entitled to avail ourselves, as occasion requires, of those rights and liberties which it is the happy privilege of British subjects to enjoy. As Christians we wish to be instrumental in promoting that tone of public sentiment and private virtue which we are persuaded that nothing but the Scriptures on which our ministry is based can generate or maintain ; and as churchmen, while viewing

with satisfaction and without envy, good works by whomsoever done we desire to hold fast for our own guidance, unmolested and unreproved, those principles which have singularly blessed our nation, and which we sincerely believe, when rightly applied, are pre-eminently conducive to the diffusion of sound religion.

In contemplating the arduous charge imposed upon your Excellency, we feel, notwithstanding your Excellency's well-known ability and experience, how much need you still have of that wisdom which cometh from above; and trust that we shall never cease, by our heartfelt prayers to implore that such aid may be abundantly vouchsafed.

E. CRIDGE, B. A.,
Rector of Christ Church Parish.

ROBERT J. DUNDAS, M. A.,
Rector of St. John's, Chaplain to the Bishop of Columbia.

CHARLES WOOD, M. A.,
Principal of the Collegiate School.

A. C. GARRET, B. A.,
Principal of Indian Missions.

W. S. REECE, M. A.,
Vice Principal of the Boys Collegiate School.

P. L. LOWE, B. A.,
Minister of Saanich.

J. J. GOOD,
Minister of St. Paul's Church, Nanaimo.

C. KNIPE, M. A.,
Missionary at Alberni, Barclay Sound.

No. 14,--Church of Scotland.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Esquire, C. B.:

May it please your Excellency:

The members and adherents of the Church and Congregation of St. Andrew in connection with the Church of Scotland unite with their fellow-citizens in welcoming your Excellency to the seat of your Government in this Colony.

Not forgetful of the spirit and traditions of the church established in their native land, and to which they adhere, they gladly embrace this oppportunity to express their loyal devotion to the Sovereign of whom your Excellency is the representative in this Colony, and to assure your Excellency that they shall always evince that devotion by respecting the rights and prerogatives of the high office which you have been appointed to administer.

The members and adherents of the Church of Scotland earnestly pray that in the administration of the affairs of this Colony your Excellency may succeed in attaching the cordial respect and co-operation of all classes of the community, and that the fruits of your administration in the advancement and consolidation of the Colonial interests may bring to your Excellency the same honorable satisfaction which it has been your happiness to reap in a former sphere of colonial rule.

The members and adherents of the Church of Scotland beg to be

permitted to add their cordial wishes for the welfare and happiness of your Excellency and family in your new home.

(Signed)

JAMES NIMMO,
Minister Church of Scotland.
D. M. LANG,
Elder.
ROBERT WALLACE,
Chairman of Committee.
DAVID B. BLAIR,
Secretary for the Congregation.
ALEX. WATSON.
ROBERT STIRLING.
ANDREW WELCH.
JOHN ANDERSON.
JAMES BURNS.
D. TURNER.

No. 15,---Congregational Church.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, &c. &c.:

May it please your Excellency:

We the minister, members and adherents of the Congregational Church in this City, ecclesiastical descendants of the English Puritans and the Protector of the Commonwealth beg, in approaching your Excellency, to do ourselves the honor of joining in the general and hearty welcome accorded to you by our fellow-citizens of other religious denominations on your arrival in this remote but important dependency of Great Britain as representative of our most gracious Sovereign.

Grateful for the liberty we enjoy under the protection of law to worship Almighty God according to the preferences of judgment and the dictate of conscience, we desire to assure your Excellency that the sentiments of loyalty to the Throne and affectionate admiration for the personal virtues of her Majesty which have ever distinguished Congregationalists in other parts of the British Dominions shall continue to be warmly cherished by us.

By the able manner in which your Excellency has exercised administrative functions in other Colonies and the high esteem with which your official services were rewarded by her Majesty's subjects in the sections of the Empire you governed, we are encouraged to hope that the period of your residence among us, so auspiciously inaugurated, will, under Divine guidance, be associated in our local history with an accession of prosperity in every department of enterprise and in every organization for the public good that will

prove a source of gratification to your Excellency, endear your name to the present generation and render it illustrious to our remotest posterity.

May Providence bless your Excellency and your family with the enjoyment of uninterrupted health and happiness.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation.

(Signed) MATT. MACFIE, Minister.
ALEX. D. MACDONALD,
ALEX. MUNRO,
J. BISSETT,
W. M. SEARBY,
DANIEL LINDSAY,
} Trustees.

No. 16,--First Presbyterian Church.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, C, B., Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, &c., &c.:

May it please your Excellency :

As representatives of the First Presbyterian Church of Vancouver Island, we desire to approach your Excellency with feelings of profound respect.

Taught from early life to entertain loyalty to the Throne, and a high opinion of the Imperial Constitution, under which we enjoy our civil, social and religious immunities, we esteem it a duty and privilege to pray and labor for the peace and prosperity of the Empire at large, especially of the infant Colony with which our interests are identified and to which we welcome your Excellency.

While it would become us to hail with high respect the advent of any regal representative whom our most gracious Sovereign might be pleased to appoint, we beg to assure your Excellency of the great pleasure your acceptance of office has afforded us, and since by a kind Providence you have been brought in safety to our shores, we rejoice to see you take hold of the helm of state, and promise to aid you in our respective spheres, to promote the interest of the people, while we confidently look forward to a successful administration under the auspices of your Excellency.

Victoria, V. I., April, A, D., 1864.

Signed on behalf of the Congregation by—

(Signed) JOHN HALL, Pres. Minister.
DAVID CAMERON.
GEO. CRUICKSHANK.
JOHN WRIGHT.
WM. L. MITCHELL.
J. H. TURNER.
JOHN WILKIE.

No. 17,--V. I. & B. C. Mission District.

To His Excellency ARTHUR EDWARD KENNEDY, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor over the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, &c., &c., &c.:

May it please your Excellency:

We, her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects Ministers of the Vancouver Island and British Columbian Mission District, under direction of the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Canada, in connection with the British Conference, beg to tender our sincere congratulation on the safe arrival of your Excellency and family, and upon the assumption of the administrative functions vested in your Excellency by our most gracious Sovereign.

To the Throne and institutions under which it is our privilege to live, we assure your Excellency of our devoted attachment. To "fear God" and "honor the Queen" are Scriptural duties obligatory upon every resident in the British Empire, and which we fail not everywhere to inculcate upon the people committed to our pastoral charge.

From the early existence of the Colony it has been our aim and effort to promote the moral and religious interests alike of the colonists and the aborigines and we have confidence that in the prosecution of our arduous work we shall continue, under your Excellency's administration, to receive, in common with other branches of the Christian Church, equal and impartial protection and countenance.

Our fervent prayers are offered to Almighty God that His signal favor may rest upon your Excellency and family; that in your Excellency's public administration you may be under the constant guidance of His unerring counsel; and that by His blessing upon the application of your acquired experience and known ability this Colony, so successfully founded, may continue to advance in piety, intelligence, industry, wealth and all that can contribute to the glory of the great Empire of which it is a constituent part.

Signed by order and on behalf of the District Meeting.

EPH'M EVANS, D. D.,
Chairman of V. I. and B. C. District.

VICTORIA, V. I., March 28th, 1864.

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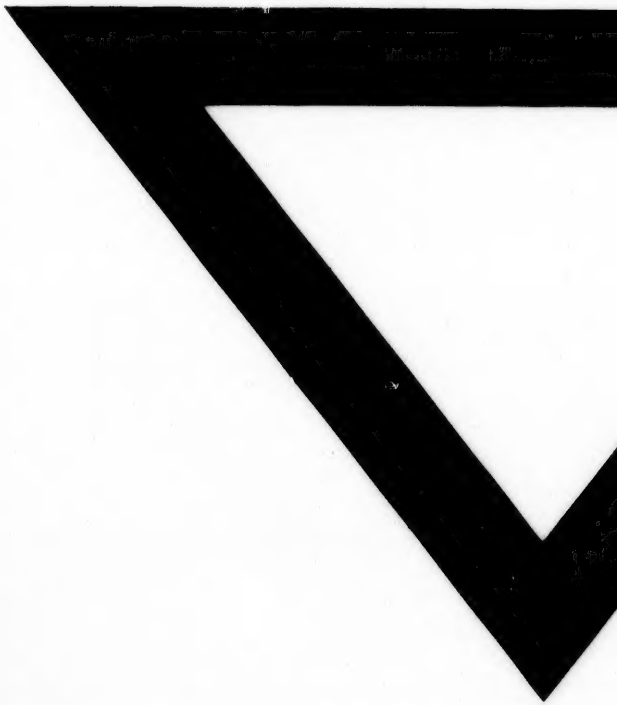
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